

The Internet is a place that is a frontier. The small or the mighty have equal footing and an equal chance to serve people or be brought to task for not serving. Independent ISP's are the backbone of the Internet and are responsive to people's desires and needs in using the Internet. If large corporations are allowed to crush the competition of ISP's, then people will lose the power to guide the Internet. I do not want the Petition to be approved. I do want to have a choice of ISP. In the American system, the playing field should be level. If SBC, Verizon, or Qwest is able to win over the ISP business by fair competition, so be it. But, if these faceless, ruthless Behemoths have to resort to legislation to gain an upper hand, not only do they not deserve the position even more to award it is chilling for each and every American beyond simply the effect on the Internet. Such action is chilling in implications to American competition and the right of American citizens to decide for themselves rather than be guided by government or corporate fiat.